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Applicants:

Lowe R. S. et al.

Serial No.:

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Case No.: 20276P

Filed:

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For:

PROTEIN DELIVERY SYSTEM USING HUMAN

PAPILLOMAVIRUS VIRUS-LIKE PARTICLES

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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Examiner:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 28, 2002, in the above-identified application, having a THREE (3) month period for response set to expire May 28, 2002. Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

An Associate Power of Attorney, naming Alysia Finnegan (Reg. No. 48,878), is enclosed.

An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) is also enclosed. Please charge the \$180 fee to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755. Please credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.